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Senator Lauren Book and Representative Joseph Geller File Legislation to Increase School & Student Safety

Tallahassee, FL – Senator Lauren Book (D-Plantation) and Representative Joseph Geller (D-Aventura) have filed a bill to establish a perimeter of safety for students around schools, and to strengthen punishment of the careless storage of firearms which fall into the hands of minors. If enacted, the bill ([SB 648](#) and [HB 957](#)) would increase penalties on individuals who brandish a firearm on or near school property, for the unlawful firing of a firearm within 1,000 feet of a school, and for those who do not properly store their firearms, allowing minors to access them.

“The safety of Florida’s students, both while at school and at home, is paramount to their success in the classroom and in life,” stated **Representative Joseph Geller**. “There’s no excuse for brandishing a firearm at a school. Neither is there any reason for allowing a minor access to a firearm because it isn’t stored in a secure manner. These commonsense gun safety reforms ensure that our students are protected and that those who threaten their safety are punished.”

“All children deserve to be kept safe,” said **Senator Book**. “One of the most basic and straightforward ways we can ensure child safety is by keeping firearms out of the hands of children and away from school property.”

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